

### NEW GRACE CHURCH.

Its Corner Stone Was Laid by President Roosevelt.

Will Be Ready for Occupancy on December 1—Pastor Is One of the Most Learned Men in Washington.

Not only is the white house to be remodeled, but next season President Roosevelt will worship in a brand-new church. His pastor, Rev. John M. Schick, D. D., is now building a new Grace Memorial Reformed church, which will be ready for occupancy on December 1, about the time that President Roosevelt will begin the strenuous business of the next season.

The corner stone of this church was laid by President Roosevelt on July 1. It is to be a Gothic edifice of Cleveland Lower Canyon gray stone, and will have a seating capacity of about 600.

At present Dr. Schick has a congregation of somewhat more than 200 communicants. The newspapers constantly refer to this church as the Dutch Reformed, but on this head and others Dr. Schick pleasantly explains:

"My church is not the Dutch Reformed church, although many persons prefer to mention it under that designation. Ours is the Grace Reformed church, and if it belongs to any national origin it is German. Our church is differentiated from the Lutheran churches in that its vitiating principle is republicanism, while Lutheranism is the church of the princes and monarchs. Our church took its origin in Switzerland when the Monk Zwingle, at Basle, proclaimed the republicanism of worship in opposition to the monarchical and feudal tendency of the Roman Catholics under the papal monarch. The Dutch Reformed, German Reformed, Bohemian and Swiss churches all use the same catechism and have the same faith. The separation into nationalities came after the church had been established, and has little meaning. As a matter of fact we are older than Luther's church, because Zwingle had proclaimed his doctrine of opposition to Roman mon-



REV. JOHN M. SCHICK.  
Pastor of Church in Which President Roosevelt Worships.

archical ideas before Luther began his reformation.

"I have been urged to erect a large church, but have thought that the structure now designed will be sufficient to accommodate my flock. The president is one of my communicants. The new church has been under consideration ever since the present modest edifice was completed. If after we have completed the new one there be sufficient money, we will remodel the parsonage, so that the two structures may be harmonious in their Gothic outlines. My congregation is not a riotous one, but I have not found it difficult to collect the necessary funds about \$40,000.

"It has been said that we have been largely helped by contributions from sources outside the church. There have been some such, but not enough to detract from the enterprise of the local congregation. Of course I must refuse to divulge the contribution of the president, as neither he nor I consider it seemly to enter into such details. My congregation consists of sturdy Germans, Dutch and Huguenot families of the District of Columbia. We hope to be established in our new church about December 1."

Dr. Schick is a gentleman of medium size, with a placid, kindly countenance. He is very learned, but at the same time very charitable in his views. He can discuss doctrinal disputes with calm dignity and is thoroughly liked by his dissenting brethren of the cloth. He visits around among his flock and is especially popular with the children. At the white house the pastoral visits of Dr. Schick are gala times for the children. He is the especial prey of Baby Quentin and Miss Ethel. They rifle his pockets, make him disgorge candies, ride on his knees and interrupt his priestly admonitions to their father with the license of affection. Dr. Schick is the same genial, kindly pastor in the home of the hum-

blest of his congregation. He is frequently invited by President Roosevelt to participate in the Sunday night suppers at the white house, which President Roosevelt reserves for a reunion of his family and personal friends.

Dr. Schick is one of the local authorities on all moot points concerning the period of the reformation. His historical reading is such that the most learned divines of other churches never contradict his assertions without careful revision of the authorities.

### PERSONAL POINTERS.

William C. Whitney, of New York, has given a handsome house and lot to the physician who attended Mrs. Whitney in her long illness.

Capt. I. M. Smith, the first man who stretched wires across the state of Wisconsin, is still living in Topeka, Kan. He has made weather observations from a scientific standpoint for the last 50 years.

Gov. Smith, of Maryland, has appointed a commission of three to purchase a bust of Rear Admiral Winfield Scott Schley to be placed in the new state capitol at Annapolis, in accordance with an act passed by the state legislature at its last session.

John E. Milholland is trying to get the federal government to purchase for \$30,000 the ruins of old Fort Ticonderoga and restore it to the exact status it bore when Ethan Allen demanded its surrender. He formerly was editor and proprietor of a Ticonderoga newspaper.

When Carnegie was an employee of the Pennsylvania railroad in Pittsburgh long years ago one of his friends was a conductor named John Powers. The millionaire learned recently of Powers' whereabouts and circumstances and has given him a pension of \$50 a month. The two old friends had had no communication for a long time.

In the course of some litigation in New Jersey the fact was made public that Bertram Cutler is the largest individual stockholder of record in the United States steel corporation. For a day or two Wall street wondered who this was that owned 123,975 shares of United States steel preferred and 25,365 shares steel common. He was finally located as a stenographer and typewriter for John D. Rockefeller and his salary is \$18 a week. The stock standing in his name is said to be worth about \$20,000,000.

Many a citizen from the interior has fallen a victim to the indigestible soft-shelled crab on going to live in Washington. Pension Commissioner Ware early contracted the soft-shelled crab habit and indulged his appetite for the dainty until a physician ordered him to desist. A friend in Kansas heard that the commissioner was worn-out by close attention to his duties and wrote him a solicitous letter. He received the following reply by wire: "It's not work that's breaking down my constitution—it's soft-shell crabs."

### CASE LAW BOILED DOWN.

The right to designate the route of through shipments at through rates is held, in Post vs. Southern R. Co. (Tenn.), 55 L. R. A. 481, to belong to the carrier and not to the shipper, in the absence of a sufficient or controlling reason to the contrary.

An agreement by the holder of a mutual benefit certificate to be governed by by-laws subsequently enacted is held in Gaut vs. supreme council A. L. of H. (Tenn.), 55 L. R. A. 465, not to authorize the reduction of the benefit called for by his certificate, after he has for years paid assessments on its original value.

The owner of a dog that has always been of a kind temper and has never given occasion to suspect that he would bite is held, in Martinez vs. Bernhard (La.), 55 L. R. A. 671, not to be rendered liable in damages by the mere fact that the dog bites some one, where the owner is guilty of no negligence.

The death of a steamship passenger, caused by sleeping on a wet mattress, is held, in Van Ande vs. Northern Navigation Co. (C. C. App. 7th C.), 55 L. R. A. 544, not to render the company liable where, because of an extraordinary passenger list, he could not be furnished with a berth, and agreed to make use of a mattress borrowed by the company from a storekeeper, the condition of which he had opportunity to inspect.

The expulsion from a train of a passenger holding a round-trip ticket which is not signed and stamped by an agent of the company as required by a condition on the ticket to make it good for return passage is held, in Southern R. Co. vs. Wood (Ga.), 55 L. R. A. 536, to render the company liable in damages where the passenger had used due diligence to find an agent authorized to sign and stamp his ticket, but was unable to do so because of the failure of the company to have such an agent present at the station.

### An Avenue Not Necessary.

"Every avenue of escape has been closed," proudly announced the chief of detectives.

But as the streets and alleys were still open the criminal experienced no difficulty in getting away.—Los Angeles Herald.

### COMMISSIONER ROSS DEAD

LONG SERVICE OF A DISTINGUISHED MAN.

Was Postmaster and District Commissioner for Four Terms—Beloved by Citizens of Washington, to Whose Interests He Was Ceaselessly Devoted—Served in the Illinois Legislature.

District Commissioner John W. Ross died at 3:30 o'clock Tuesday morning at his home, 1334 Yale street. He suffered a sudden sinking spell half an hour before that time and Fire Chief Belt's wagon was hurriedly dispatched for Dr. Chamberlain, Mr. Ross' physician. The latter was quickly at his patient's bedside, but his services were unavailing, as the recurrence of the heart attack, so long feared, proved fatal in a few minutes.

At the dying Commissioner's bedside were his two sons and two daughters and his brother, Mr. Perry Ross. The latter and the elder son, Mr. Tenny

in California after an extensive Philippine service. He is married, and has two children. The second child of Mr. Ross is Mildred Varnum Ross; the third Mr. Lee Ross, who is associated with the Thomas Waggaman Company in real estate business in this city. The fourth surviving child is Miss Georgette Ross. Mr. Ross made his home for the past many years with his two daughters on Yale street.

In September, 1888, Mr. Ross married a second time. His second wife was Mrs. Isabelle McCullough, of Allegheny, Pa. His second wife has resided in Pittsburgh, and never lived in Washington, the scene of her husband's duties, since the marriage.

Commissioner Ross was one of the most universally popular men that has ever been a member of the District's government triumvirate. His wonderful popularity with the citizens was due to his great and kindly heart. He was a champion of the weak and afflicted, and earnestly believed and ever carried out his belief, that no matter how humble a person might be, every one had a right to be heard with patience. Mr. Ross was a man of unapproachable integrity, and never a question was brought before him that he did not give it the fullest and most careful consideration. He respected the popular wishes of the residents of the District, and always during his long ser-



ROBERT W. WILCOX,  
Hawaiian Delegate Who Said the American Negroes are Inferior and He Would Not Associate With Them.

Ross, were summoned to the city several days ago when the patients condition became alarming, and were constant attendants in the sick room.

### HIS LONG CAREER H. R.

John Wesley Ross, for twelve years Commissioner of the District of Columbia, was born June 23, 1841, at Lewis town, Fulton County, Ill. In 1854 he entered the Harvard Law School and passed successfully the course there, being admitted to the bar upon examination in open Supreme Court at Springfield, Ill., in January, 1866. He practiced law in Lewistown up to 1873, and for the last four years of this period was a member of the Illinois legislature, representing Fulton County district. On April 1873, Mr. Ross was admitted to the bar of the United States Supreme Court, during which year he removed to the Capital City from the West, where he has since remained.

In 1883 Mr. Ross was appointed lecturer in the law faculty of the Georgetown University upon the subjects of common law practice. The university honored him with the degree of LL. D. in 1885. He continued to practice his profession in the city, associated with late Mills Dean.

He was appointed postmaster of the District in 1885 and held that position until September 30, 1890, when he was appointed a member of the board of District Commissioners by President Benjamin Harrison. He was for two terms president of the board of trustees of the public schools of the District. Mr. Ross was a Democrat and filled the position for Democratic Commissioner through four terms. The unwritten law has been followed through out, that the two Civil Commissioners should not be of the same political party.

Commissioner Ross was reappointed for a second term as Commissioner by President Cleveland on January 4, 1894. He was reappointed by President McKinley on April 14, 1897, and finally, in 1900 the same beloved President once more named him for appointment. He served as president for three Boards of Commissioners.

### FOUR CHILDREN SURVIVE.

In June, 1870 Mr. Ross married Miss Emma Tenney, a daughter of Franklin Tenney, whose father was a New Hampshire man, and for many years famed in Washington as a boniface, having for a great while the proprietorship of the National Hotel here. From this union five children were born, four of whom survive. Mrs. Ross died in January 1879. Mr. Ross' elder son is Lieut. Tenney Ross, of the United States army. He is at present stationed

in California after an extensive Philippine service. He is married, and has two children. The second child of Mr. Ross is Mildred Varnum Ross; the third Mr. Lee Ross, who is associated with the Thomas Waggaman Company in real estate business in this city. The fourth surviving child is Miss Georgette Ross. Mr. Ross made his home for the past many years with his two daughters on Yale street.

### PICTURES AND PAINTERS.

Among the pictures at the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts that will prove attractive to visitors during the summer months are those presented from the estate of the late Francis Lewis. The Lewis collection includes pictures by Ziem, Corot, Daubigny and Lambinet.

Among the chief attractions of the exhibition of the Society of Miniature Painters at the Modern gallery in London was the tiny full length portrait of Miss MacWhirter, the daughter of Mr. John MacWhirter, R. A., painted some years ago by Sir Lawrence Alma-Tadema. The subject was then about 16 years old.

During the rebuilding of the house of an old established firm of art dealers in Vienna a great roll of canvas was discovered, which turned out to be three pictures by Giovanni Battista Tiepolo. These pictures, which had remained hidden probably 30 years, represent "Hera Banishing Selene," "The Triumph of Amphitrite," and "Bacchus and Ariadne."

The waggery of sculptors during the blossom time of Gothic architecture found scope in the heads of saints and sinners, devils and angels, which were carved in stone or wood within and without the church. There was a rough humor in the middle ages which infinitely enjoyed the jest if an unpopular priest was discovered to have sat for his portrait when the sculptor was making a Judas, an ogre, or a devilkin.

American millionaires have sent up the price of paintings to such a point that European collectors are now unable to compete with them. One fair-minded German critic deplores the invasion of the art field by the younger generation of American millionaires, whom he declares to be without real artistic appreciation, saying they make it possible for picture dealers to increase the price of pictures tenfold and thus shut out European buyers.

### MILITARY MATTERS.

Lord Wolseley has probably been in more engagements than any other

general. Since entering the army in 1852 he has served in Burma, India, China, Canada, Ashantee, Egypt and finally the Sudan.

Last year there became nominally available for military service in the German empire 1,645,846 young men, but of these 135,168 had emigrated without leave, and over half a million were sent back for a year.

The British war office has issued plans for the demobilization of the army in South Africa which show that there are 70,000 volunteers, colonial troops, yeomanry, reservists, etc., to be sent home before any of the regulars are moved.

It is said of a former marquis of Townshend that when young and engaged in battle he saw a drummer killed by a cannon ball, which scattered his brains in every direction. His eyes were at once fixed on the ghastly object, which seemed to engross his thoughts. A superior officer, observing him, supposed he was intimidated at the sight and addressed him in a manner to cheer his spirits. "Oh," said the young marquis with calmness, but severity: "I am not frightened. I am puzzled to make out how any man with such a quantity of brains ever came to be here!"

### HOUSEHOLD ECONOMY.

A good idea for mending a hole in an umbrella is to stick on very firmly black court plaster inside the cover. This is not as much seen as a darn.

Economical women are making bags to wear at the side of velvet, broadened or plain silk, and sometimes of cloth to match the skirt. They are very simply made and fastened on the belt with black ribbon.

An excellent way to use again a little left of a vegetable like peas, beans or corn is to add to one cupful of left-over a cupful of hot water and heat. Wash, strain and reheat. Blend a half tablespoonful each of butter and flour, season, and stir in the vegetable liquor. Add a half cupful of hot milk and serve.

Wallpapers that have become bruised or have been slightly torn, and which cannot be matched, are not necessarily ruined. They can be touched up with water-color paints, so that at a very little distance no damage is perceptible. The paints from a child's box will be good enough, but you must mix the colors to get the right shades and then touch in the broken pattern.

### COOL DISHES FOR HOT DAYS.

For a lemon sherbet take pint lemon juice, quart water, pound sugar, white six eggs; stir in latter after other ingredients have been partly frozen.

For an orange frappe make a sirup by boiling quart water with pint sugar 20 minutes; Add juice five oranges and two lemons; cool, strain and freeze.

For a pineapple parfait whip one quart of cream to stiff froth, add cupful powdered sugar and peeled pineapple, eyes removed, and grated; turn into cover tightly, pack in ice and let stand three hours.

Orange Plombiere.—Strain the juice of six oranges and grate the rind of one into one cup of water; add 1/4 cupful of granulated sugar; turn into a freezer and freeze to a mush, then add one pint of cream and freeze until stiff; turn this into a melon mold and let stand packed in ice and salt one hour, or remove the dasher and pack the cream closely in the tin.

### ALL WORK, NO PLAY.

Germany's 1,500 mines employ 41,000 miners.

The trackless trolley car, a European conception, described in Popular Mechanic a short time ago, is to make its appearance in America.

The through trains on the Siberian railway are said to be operated at a loss at present because of the low rates, and because most passengers take second-class.

The recurring destruction of telegraph and telephone wires by winter storms is causing companies to put their wires under ground, even where councilmanic provisions do not call for this method.

Frogs of every kind are now in commercial value. There is a growing demand for their skins, which are useful in many ways but principally in the mounting of books where an exceptionally delicate material for fine binding is required.

The oldest brick plant in the world is believed to be that at Nivaagaard, Denmark. The plant, says Brick, began operations in 1701 for the purpose of manufacturing brick and terra cotta to be used in building a castle for Queen Louise. The records show an output of only 320,000 bricks in 200 years, about half of which were produced in the last 25 years.

### Safe Betting.

Mrs. Jones—Here's a man been arrested for having ten wives.

Mr. Jones—I'll bet two boxes of gloves to a shirt button that he didn't try to get away from the officers.—Puck.

### ARTHUR J. BALFOUR.

England's New Premier and His Illustrious Predecessor.

Man Who Will Govern Great Britain for Some Years to Come is a Nephew of the Retiring Government Chief.

The nephew succeeds the uncle, for Arthur James Balfour, incoming premier of England, bears that relationship to the marquis of Salisbury, who goes out cheerfully to resume his beloved studies of chemistry in the laboratories of his great house near St. Albans.

When Arthur Balfour was at Cambridge he got the name of "Aunt Fanny," but he has lived it down. There is nothing effeminate in the character of Arthur Balfour who today steps into one of the first administrative positions in the world.

He was born in Scotland July 23, 1848, and is the eldest son of the late James Maitland Balfour and Lady Blanche Gascoigne Cecil, sister of the present marquis of Salisbury. He practically began his political life as private secretary to his uncle when the marquis was secretary of state for foreign affairs. One-third of his 54 years have been spent in political service, that service finally bringing him into the position of conservative leader of the house of commons. Ever since he was first elected to parliament in 1874 he has been close to the person and deep in the councils of Lord Salisbury. He is popular in many sections of the empire, and admired where he is not popular.

He was selected for the chief secretaryship of Ireland, because "he had the hardest head, the steadiest nerve, and the strongest hand," for the position. His self-possession is described as "indomitable and ever vigilant." The conservatives hold to him because he is an "aristocrat to his finger tips," and that kind of aristocracy is quite popular in England at the present time.

Scotland has taken especial delight in honoring this brilliant son of hers. There is scarce a university in the land of heather that has not conferred upon



HON. ARTHUR J. BALFOUR.  
(Lord Salisbury's Successor as Premier of Great Britain.)

him an honorary degree of some kind or elected him to some position in its government. English universities have also signally honored him, and, although a graduate of Cambridge, Oxford has heaped its honors upon him with a friendly hand.

Balfour has called himself a popular statesman, "and by that," he says, "I do not mean a statesman who is personally popular, but a statesman who aims at furthering the prosperity of the people."

Lord Salisbury looks back on a political career of more than half a century.

In 1853, when only 23 years old, he was elected to parliament as member for Stamford, and represented the borough for 15 years. He took an active part in all public measures which affected the interests of the established church and the chief political questions of the day. In his younger days Lord Salisbury was a frequent contributor to the Quarterly Review and kindred periodicals.

In 1866 he was appointed secretary of state for India, which post he resigned in 1867 on account of a difference of opinion respecting the reform bill. Two years later he was elected chancellor of the University of Oxford in succession to the late earl of Derby.

When Disraeli returned to office in 1874 Lord Salisbury was appointed secretary of state for India. These two great statesmen were the representatives of Great Britain at the congress of Berlin in 1878. On his return the queen invested Lord Salisbury with the Order of the Garter.

In 1881, after the death of Lord Beaconsfield, the marquis became the leader of the conservative party in the house of lords. On January 9, 1885, Mr. Gladstone was beaten on a budget vote and resigned, and Lord Salisbury took office as premier.

### Much Study of Consumption.

Within the last ten years more new methods have been devised for dealing with consumption than any other human ailment.—American Medicines.





## They Say.

Some people are fools.  
Good friends are hard to find.  
The politician South, has lost his leadership.  
There are some great men in the world.  
Senator Hanna is the winning man.  
There will be a shaking up in the dry bones.  
The democratic party is preparing for the fight.  
Cool Bryan will give them trouble.  
President Roosevelt has a good opinion of the Wizzard.  
Some men like others because they can be used.  
The world is full of sin.  
The southern politicians will have to take a back seat.  
When you think you are doing the best you are doing nothing.  
Your pretended friends will stab you in the back.  
Is there to be no unity among colored attorneys?  
Don't pass your friends and tend that you don't see them.  
You may need them some day when you are in trouble.  
The man who knows a friend will keep him.  
Don't be carried away by fables.  
The truest friend is the one when you need him.  
Speak the truth always and then you will have no cause to fear.  
The man who comes to you with a tale is a deceiver.  
The truth is easy to tell when you are honest.  
Speak well of your friends.  
This is a world in which good men should act.  
Dr. J. H. M. Waring, and Dr. Bruce Evans would make good superintendents of the schools.  
The Board of Education could do something for the people.  
Who will be the next presidential nominee?  
Prof. Booker T. Washington ought to give the country a rest.  
Let us live in peace.  
Who leads the negro?  
Washington the Wizzard of the South.  
Has the negro a leader.  
Why certainly.  
Is the race in need of a leader?  
If you are right don't fail to act.  
Friendship is a jewel and you should never lose it.  
Think of those who are your friends.  
The colored commission is dead.  
The bill is a dead letter.  
There are lots of puddle dogs in this city.  
If you have never seen a fice dog listen when he barks at THE BEE.  
Only small dogs bark at THE BEE.  
They are harmless.  
They must bark at big things to let other dogs know that they are alive.

## Keen Observation.

"Do you know anything about the people who have moved next door?" she inquired.  
"Not much," he answered; "except that their honeymoon is not yet over."  
"How did you find that out?"  
"By observing. It was raining when he came home this evening, but she did not make him stop at the front door to wipe his feet."—Washington Star.

What He Would Need.  
"My friend," exclaimed the eloquent minister, "were the average man to turn and look himself squarely in the eyes and ask himself what he really needed most, what would be the first reply suggested to his mind?"  
"A rubber neck!" shouted the precocious urchin in the rear of the room.  
—The Bee.

## TOLD ABOUT LOVERS.

Story of a Girl Who Eloped in Stocking Feet.

Pennsylvania Man Left His Pretty Young Wife to Run Away with Her Mother—Cupid Scored a Triumph.

Troubles, asserts a writer in the Cincinnati Tribune, seems to be the lot of a great many lovers. Surely no one would be so daring as to declare that all persons, whose hearts are not their own, are constantly beset by vexatious incidents, yet one needs only to look about to learn that love and bliss are not necessarily analogous. Some of the troubles of lovers—many of them, in fact—are only slight, but they knit the brow and produce worry, nevertheless, and that is why the world should, as a matter of common justice, love a lover.

An incident occurring recently in Charlotte, Tenn., goes to prove the assertion that love is not all roses. Robert Sutherland and Miss Lorena Foster wanted to get married, and, as is sometimes the case, the girl's parents objected. Naturally, this made no difference, for the modern couple is not disposed to waste time in securing the parental blessing. Sutherland and Miss Foster eloped in the middle of the night, and, as might be expected, they were in a great hurry when they left the Foster homestead. In her excitement the bride forgot her shoes—a foolish thing for her to do, but she did it—and when she and Sutherland presented themselves at the squire's office they decided it would be bad luck for the girl to be married in her stocking feet.

Here John Sutherland, a brother of the groom to be, stepped in and offered to return to the Foster home and recover the shoes. It was then five o'clock in the morning, but the young man summoned courage to his aid and set out for the Foster's. When he arrived there Monroe Foster, father of the bride, was



LEAPED OVER THE FENCE.

wending his way out into his garden to kill a rabbit that had been destroying his cabbages. The venerable Mr. Foster carried a large double barreled shotgun slung across his shoulder, and as he walked along he was softly whistling: "I see lookin' for dat bully, an' he must be foun'." John Sutherland, the hero, heard him. He also saw the big gun with its cavernous barrels. He was then within a few yards of the house, bent upon securing Miss Foster's shoes. It occurred to him that he might be mistaken for the bully, and without stopping to reason it out he faced about and established a new world's record for a 200 yards dash, with a leap over a six-foot tight board fence at the end of the course. But the wedding took place, even without the shoes, which goes to show that lovers absolutely don't care what happens to them.

Talk about the world loving a lover! Think of this case reported from Scottville, Ky. Thomas Jones the other evening was married to his wife. It was their second attempt, and Mrs. Jones, although but 20 years of age, has even a better record than that. She has been twice legally divorced and four times legally married to two different men, which also goes to show that you never can tell.

But this isn't in the same category with what happened to George Sangfoss, of Larksville, Pa., and it apparently was love that got him into trouble, although in the light of tradition it is rather difficult to comprehend his case. In reality he played tag with tradition, for he eloped with his mother-in-law. The mother-in-law's name was Mrs. Helen Hestus, and the funny part of it is that when George and his wife began housekeeping five years ago, Mrs. Hestus made herself so disagreeable that the young people were forced to divide their time between their own home and the homes of neighbors. This condition of affairs continued until a year ago, when Sangfoss began to tolerate the old woman and finally cast longing glances at her across the dinner table. At this juncture Mrs. Sangfoss made a big mistake. She supposed that George and her mother were just becoming acclimated and didn't even venture a guess at the real state of affairs until she woke up one morning and found this note:

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## BEAR ACTS QUEERLY.

Why Mrs. Cable Thinks Bruin Has Fallen from Grace.

Peculiar Antics That Have Made Old Jim objectionable to Indiana People—His Encounter with a Railroad Train.

The Norton (Ind.) correspondent of the Chicago Inter-Ocean says that bears of all kinds, and especially tame ones, are at a discount in that vicinity. In fact, it is the tame sort that the people object to the most. Some months ago a man who was traveling about the country with a performing bear came here suffering from injuries received in a fight with a gang of rowdies in South Chicago. His condition was such that he decided to go to Indianapolis for treatment, and left his bear, which he said was kind and gentle, with Farmer Cable, to be cared for until his return.

For a time Farmer Cable and his folks thought they had a treasure in the bear, which was an intelligent animal. It was docile and affectionate and acted as a watch dog, keeping away the tramps. The first sign of trouble came up two weeks ago, when Bruin, tired of being left alone, followed the family to church, and surprised the congregation by entering the sacred edifice and taking its place near the pulpit, where it remained through the service. Efforts to drive it out were fruitless, and the gravity of the occasion was sadly disturbed. The following Monday night the Cables had company, who stayed over night. With them they brought a huge mastiff. Just before retiring Mr. Cable said:

"I'll give the dog a warm box stall in the barn, and I'll tie the bear up, so they can't get together. I don't think there'd be any trouble if they did; but it's just as well not to take chances."

"Don't worry about the dog," said his guest. "Tige will take care of him."



JIM DANCING A CANCAN.

self. He can lick a whole barnful of bears."

Tuesday morning the dog was dead. The bear had chewed himself loose from the rope, torn down the door of the stall in which the dog was quartered, and huffed and clawed it to death. Tige put up a good fight, as the torn hide of the bear and the disordered condition of the stall showed, but was no match for Bruin. Mr. Dutton, his owner, was chagrined at the defeat of his pet, and cast ugly glances at the bear, which leered knowingly at him in return.

That same night, the weather having turned cold, the bear was housed in the woodshed for shelter. About midnight the family was aroused by a great racket in the kitchen, and found the bear beastly drunk and dancing a cancan on the table. It had forced its way into the cellar and tackled a keg of hard cider. Disgusted with its lapse from virtue, Mr. Cable drove it out into the yard—a job that was accomplished only after the stove had been upset and a lot of dishes wrecked. An hour later the engineer of an Erie train saw a huge beast armed with a big fence stake sitting on the track a few yards ahead of his engine. It was too late to stop the train, so the engineer turned on a full head of steam and went ahead. The engine struck Bruin squarely amidships, and, to the engineer's surprise, the bear landed safely on the pilot, where it clung to the signal flagstaff and was carried to the next stopping place. When the train slowed down the bear jumped off and trotted back home.

Bruin is still stopping at Farmer Cable's, but the latter says he will wait only one week more for the return of its owner and the liquidation of his bill. "If he doesn't show up Monday week," said Cable the other night, "there'll be a dead bear here, and my neighbors will have plenty of bear steak to eat. I don't want any more bear boarders."

"And no more do I," said Mrs. Cable. "I allus thought Jim was a good bear, but he's fallen from grace in a most amazing sort of way."

Cats and Their Toilet.

Cats make the most careful toilet of any animals, excepting some of the opossums. Lions and tigers wash themselves like the cat, wetting the dark, India rubber-like ball of the fore-foot and the inner toe and passing to the face and behind the ears. The foot is thus a face sponge and brush, and the rough tongue combs the rest of the body.

Has Lost Faith in Prayer.

A certain Brooklyn girl has doubts of the existence of God, because He refused to answer her prayer. For three weeks she prayed earnestly, night and morning, and this was her prayer: "Oh, Lord, make me stylish—make me very stylish. Set all the young men wild over me!"

Three Steps to Perdition.

An intimate friend was unceremoniously ushered into the presence of two ladies in Paris upon whom he had called. To his surprise, he found them drinking brandy. Upon expressing his amazement, they said that brandy had been recommended to them as a capital preventive against cholera, and that first they took it with water and then they took it without water, and now they took it like water.

## WHEN MEN PROPOSE.

They All Have Sheepish Ways and Look Absurdly Silly.

One Girl, Who Ought to Know, Tells How Various Sorts of Male Creatures Pop the Momentous Question.

A girl who can no longer be counted young, and who has been constantly courted and frequently loved, is convinced that the ways of proposing are as numerous as are the different types of men who propose. She has her suitors classified, and knows each by the class to which he belongs.

"Some propose flippantly, lightly, as if they invited you to luncheon instead of matrimony," she says, in the Chicago Tribune. "They appear to be preparing to hedge if they get no for an answer, and to say that they were only fooling, and really didn't mean what they said. There are others, straightforward, manly, and honorable, who take 'no' with such serious grace that they win your respect and liking even if they cannot win your love."

"Many men propose on their knees, some sneak back in the corner of a sofa, while others stand up boldly, as though they were intervening upon a business proposition. But it makes little difference what attitude a man selects to propose, he always looks funny. Men have such a dazed and dazed expression under such conditions that they look as if they had been struck right between the eyes. I believe science asserts that Cupid strikes somewhere on the left side."

"Only once during my experience has a man descended to his knees in proposing to me. This one had on white duck trousers, and he knelt down in the dusty path in which we were walking. His mother would have spanked him had she been there. When he got up there was a great, black spot on each knee."

"The length of time it takes a man to propose, after he has first met the



YOU'VE GOT TO MARRY ME.

girl, depends upon the nature of the man, the climate, the weather, the surroundings, a little bit on the way the girl treats him. Sometimes they propose all of a sudden, without any treatment at all beforehand. If the moon is full and the man is not, the average man should be expected to propose within 15 days after he has first met the girl. If he sees her three times a day, for three hours at a time, he can usually become well acquainted with her nature and all her little characteristics in that time, provided the girl is simple, as is apt to be the case.

"Few women are complex. It isn't important whether the girl understands the man's nature or not. But, anyway, she can learn it in no time at all, because all men are alike. They mostly all are brainy, and can smoke and love with equal ease. There are men who say, fiercely, as if they were really desperate: 'Will you, or won't you marry me?' That sort of men are not much good, because you can't flirt with them and keep them dangling. They make you say either 'yes' or 'no' right away. You can't fool them."

"There are many ways in which a girl can tell that a man is going to propose before he does. First, there is the tone in his voice. Then his eyes always follow you about the room in the most admiring, adoring way. He looks at you with a vague, far-away gaze, as if he really saw a vision, or an angel; but he thinks he does, so let him alone. At this stage he wouldn't even dare to call you 'darling.' But he has other ways of showing how he likes you. Sometimes he drops little hints about his ideal of a woman. He says he never met her—until now. Again, he makes allusions to his income, and says he supposes it seems so little to you. Some men propose by showing you their bank books, and saying: 'Will that be enough?'"

"The only way to propose is the old way—the way Adam must have proposed to Eve, before there was any money, or reason, or anything in the world but—love. Go to her and say: 'You've got to marry me because I love you and you love me, and I can't live without you.' And that style of proposal is always in fashion."

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## Ignorance the Cause.

In a short letter of A. R. Spofford, Assistant Librarian of the Congressional Library, contributes some facts relative to the health statistics of the District of Columbia. It would seem there has been some contention over the question as to whether Washington is a healthy city, some maintaining that it is among the most unhealthy places in the United States. In support of his contention that Washington is a comparatively healthy place, he gives the following statistics:

	Death rate Number, per 1,000.
Native white population of Washington.....	17.2
Foreign population.....	19.5
Colored population.....	31.0

Referring to the above, it is stated, as it would seem, that the great death rate is due to the mortality among foreign and colored populations, the latter being somewhat less than the former. Just how it is ascertained who are foreigners and who are not is a matter which we leave to conjecture. The great admixture of bloods to be found in this city would seem to make it difficult to ascertain who are foreigners and who are not. Perhaps it is to the pure Italians or Germans or Irish to which the article refers. But whatever the basis it is clear that the health conditions among the colored population is less than that among the foreign. This is a fact of impertinence, especially when as a rule we hear no complaint as to the introduction of foreigners while there is a constant howl about the colored population, a much less undesirable element if we considered them from the standpoint of health conditions. If, as it is claimed, the home and other conditions determine the general health of communities, it would seem that the colored people are in advance of the foreigners at least in point of sanitary matters. The results would be for different if the same privileges were granted to colored people that are granted to these foreigners. The foreigners are permitted to rent houses whenever they desire provided only that they can afford to buy or pay the required rent, whereas almost the entire body of the colored population are compelled to live in alleys or else in the most undesirable and unsanitary portions of the city. Under equal conditions, it is fair to assume that the mortality among colored people would be no greater than that among native born white citizens. But with all the disadvantages under which we labor there is reason to be thankful. In comparison with other cities, the colored people of Washington fare comparatively for the better. The same writer gives the mortality in some of the southern cities in which there is a large colored population with results as follows:

	Death rate White per 1,000	Death rate Colored per 1,000
Baltimore.....	42.9	79.7
New Orleans.....	37.7	78.1
Charleston.....	23.8	56.9

It will be seen that in these cities the death rate is larger than in Washington while in New Orleans where the colored population is about equal to that of this city the rate is very much greater, being 42.4 out of every 1,000 souls. This alarming difference must be accounted for. It would seem that it does not result from a difference in climate because it will be seen that the death rate among the whites is but slightly greater than that among a similar class in this city,

which the corresponding rate among the colored people is out of all proportion to what might be reasonably be expected. If the difference cannot be accounted for in the climate, what is the cause. There is no evidence that colored people are obliged to inhabit alleys and unsanitary quarters in greater population than they are in this city. On the contrary we hear that in respect to colored tenants, the discrimination is not so great as here. The cause must therefore be sought elsewhere. May it not be due to the general want of knowledge if the requirements of proper sanitation. This would seem probable when we come to consider the scope of the system of education in the city of New Orleans. Of late, through the fallacy of the Washington type of Negro it has been regarded unprofitable and in fact harmful to permit the colored children to learn anything beyond the most elementary branches. The common school system is conducted upon this idea and as a consequence an approximate knowledge of the law of sanitation is generally absent among the masses. The effect of pure air, proper diet, cleanliness, sunlight, moderation in all things are unknown and therefore unobserved and unanticipated. This condition stands out as a most positive condemnation of the miserable common-school system more in vogue in New Orleans. In Charleston, we find the health conditions and school conditions similar, with similar results, except that the death rate among the white is abnormally large. This may be accounted for in the deplorable system schools for both white and colored and resultant ignorance. Here is another instance of the harmful effects of the Washington doctrine. We do not attempt to fix the responsibility of the great falling off in southern cities. We know the greatest cause—ignorance. But any body or set of people white or black claiming to be intelligent, who are directly or indirectly the cause of this condition, must bear the odium of conspiring against the lives of the people and should be treated accordingly. A policy of keeping in ignorance a large body of people is in itself criminal because it strikes at the very root of a community and lowers its average standard. But when it is persisted in, when its fatal effects are thoroughly ascertained, it fails to become merely criminal but is heinous. To restrict education is to restrict the means of protecting and maintaining human life, honor, comfort and human happiness. It is cowardly, impolitic and criminal.

## Hon. John Wesley Ross.

The sad death of Commissioner Ross takes from our midst one of the most useful, public-spirited, noble-hearted, conscientious and honest men who ever shared in the government of this city. In all of his relations, as Postmaster, Commissioner for three terms and private citizen Mr. Ross always carried the same integrity, generosity and uniform courtesy and kindness to all, without regard to race, parties or religion. To the colored people he was endeared on account of the profound interest he took in all matters looking toward their advancement. As Commissioner in charge of the public schools he carried into the work all of the vigor, experience and learning with which he was so abundantly endowed. He often expressed his confidence and faith in the capacity of the colored people to manage their own schools and lived to see the colored system of schools developed up to a remarkable degree of perfection. He had no part or parcel in the implied notion that the colored schools could not be adequately managed by colored people and was not averse to so expressing himself whenever approached upon the subject. Whether he was correct must be left to the future to determine, but we think that he was at least charitable and honest in his conclusions. Mr. Ross was kind to colored workmen. He seemed to realize that the doors of ordinary profitable employment were closed to colored

people and he had the fairness and nobility of character to liberally employ them on the streets and elsewhere. Although a democrat in politics, we have seldom found a truer or nobler friend in any party. Surely he did not share the antipathy usually ascribed to the democrats, for he was more than kind and considerate to colored people. We are sure that the masses of the colored people mourn the loss of Mr. Ross and pray that a friend as true, as noble, as great and as good as he may be selected to take his place. For his kindness we are thankful and trust that his happiness will be made complete and everlasting in the world beyond, where there are no distractions, no antipathies, no race, no politics; but one round of happiness and joy.

## Requiescat in pace.

## Over the Southern.

The Young People's Congress which is to assemble in Atlanta, Ga., will be one of the largest representative gatherings of Christians in the United States. The Southern Railway goes direct to the place and carries you sixty miles nearer to that point than any other road. Again Col. L. S. Brown one of the greatest railroad magnates in the country and who accompanied the late President McKinley on his great southern trip, has provided a special train for the people. The coaches are all first class and there will be no "Jim Crow cars" attached. All the northern, eastern and western delegates will join the Washington delegates and go over the Southern. Don't make any mistake in the roads. The Southern is the more direct to Georgia, and if the people will take the advice of THE BEE they will make no mistake.

## Lynchers.

The Afro-American Council some time ago had cried out against lynching and had concluded since the celebrated speech of President Roosevelt at Arlington, May 30th, the Council declared that lynching had ceased. The Governor of Virginia, if he is a man, will see to it, that the lynchers of Craven be brought to justice. Certainly some one knows who lead the mob and a number knows who took part in the lynching. This is a great and glorious republic that will go down to fraternity oppressing humanity.

## Negro Leaders.

If one half of the so called negro leaders would take a plow and go to work in a corn field, the race would be better off. The quasi office leaders are betraying the race.

The address of the Afro-American Council is full of sycophantic utterances. How can you expect anything else when it was prepared by office holders and office seekers. Great heavens deliver the negro from these burdens.

A conductor on one of the Reading "locals" was handed a ticket for Wayne Junction by a lady who boarded his train the other day in the company of a bright-looking little girl. He looked at the child and then asked for another ticket.

"I've never had to pay for her before," was the mother's reply. "How old is she?" asked the conductor. "Five years." "Why, mamma! I'm six!" protested the child. "She's—she's nearly six," hurriedly explained the mother. "That is, she's just going on six." The conductor looked at the mother for a second, and then, as he turned away, said: "Well, madam, if I were you, I'd buy a ticket for her on the return trip. She's likely to be all of six by then."—Philadelphia Times.

## LITTLE NOVELTIES.

Tiny fans, all of plain ivory, are college fans. A brass slipper forms the alcohol lamp for a curling iron. An odd little clock is set in a compass frame and hung from an anchor, while a gilt car and other boating apparatus from the stand. Are coach dogs coming to the fore? They are to be found in metal ornaments for the desk, noticeable creatures with their black-spotted bodies. Small clasp purses of fine black leather are simply made and have the frame leather covered, with the exception of a small plate on either side under the clasp, and these are of gold and silver gilt.

## CROWN PRINCE OF SIAM.

He Will Arrive in the United States in September and Will Be Received Cordially.

While the crown prince of Siam, during his approaching visit to the United States, will not be the guest of the government, he will be entertained and shown every consideration, the money for this purpose being taken from the contingent fund.

The crown prince's visit has been hastened by the deferment of King Edward's coronation. The prince was going to attend the coronation and afterward make a tour of the United States. He will now come earlier than at first planned. He will reach this



CROWN PRINCE OF SIAM.  
(He Will Arrive in the United States About September 1.)

country about September 1, possibly before that date.

A committee of entertainment will be appointed by the state department officials, and plans will be taken to make the crown prince's visit an event of importance. The Siamese minister, Phya Akharaj Varadhara, has been in consultation with Secretary Hay as to the arrangements for the crown prince's reception. The minister was assured that the reception would be as cordial and as elaborate as the government could make it.

The suggestion has been made that if the crown prince is pleased with his visit to the United States his father, the king of Siam, will then visit this country.

Soon after congress assembled last December Senator Frye introduced a resolution authorizing the president to formally invite the king to visit the United States and be the guest of the nation. It was explained that the king had expressed a desire to make a tour of this country. The American minister at Bangkok, Mr. King, in a communication suggesting an invitation to the king, called attention to many unpleasant episodes attending the king's visit to Europe, although their precise character was not made clear, and saying his majesty would desire to guard against a repetition of these unpleasant episodes. Mr. King intimated that his majesty would not make the trip unless he received an official invitation, as otherwise he would consider that he was not wanted.

No action was taken by congress and the king of Siam did not receive an official invitation to visit the United States. He then abandoned the contemplated journey and announced that the crown prince would take his place.

Minister King, in describing his majesty's hesitation about coming to this country without a formal invitation, said:

"He would be very glad to go in a private capacity for the sake of the education it would be to him and his people, but he naturally feels a shrinking and fear to go in such a capacity, especially in view of the grasping position Uncle Sam is just now described as assuming."

## THE TRUST QUESTION.

Chairman Griggs, Democratic Campaign Leader, Says It Will Be a Paramount Issue.

Congressman James Mathews Griggs, who has just welcomed President Roosevelt's promise to prosecute the trusts as an acceptance



HON. JAMES M. GRIGGS.  
(Chairman of the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee.)

of the trust question for the issue in the coming campaign, is the chairman of the democratic congressional campaign committee and the representative of the Second district of Georgia. He has been a practicing lawyer in Georgia since 1883, and has served on the state bench for three terms. In 1896 Judge Griggs resigned from the judiciary to make the race for congress. He has been since selected to each succeeding term.

## GOOD WORK COUNTS.

New System of Promotions for the Pension Bureau.

Commissioner Ware Announces That Merit Alone is to Be Considered in the Selection of Men for Positions.

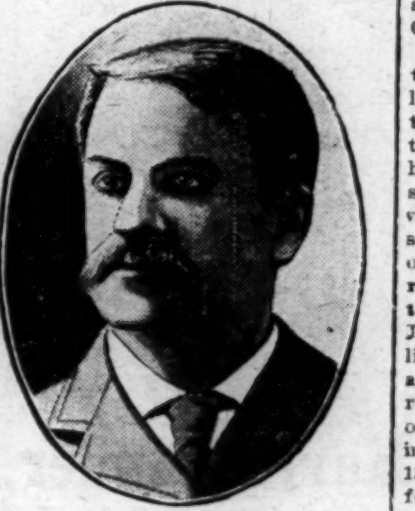
Pension Commissioner Eugene F. Ware has adopted a system of promotions for his bureau which he intends to make a permanent feature. The system is explained in the following letter of instructions to a special committee on promotions:

"I want you to pick out the best men you can find in the bureau for each place, three from which I can select. I want to promote for merit. I want to establish an incentive. Therefore you will not overlook the quiet man who attends to his duty. Do not forget the man who has no statesman interceding for him. Remember the old soldier and prefer him when his merits and capability are equal. Give no precedence to political pull, and do not let religion or nativity cut any figure. When merits are equal, and only when equal, take a republican instead of a democrat."

In explaining his system, Mr. Ware said to a New York Times correspondent:

"My first lesson on assuming this office was that the most remarkable pressure was brought to bear on the commissioner of pensions to appoint men to positions in the bureau who had had no experience in the office. I had two \$1,800 positions to fill, and I hoped to postpone the selection of men for those places until I had fully familiarized myself with the office conditions. But I found I had to make those appointments and make them soon. I think there were over 400 men presented to me with the strongest indorsements for those two jobs."

"Well, nearly all of the applicants were well fitted for the work, but as I looked about the office I saw a good many other men who had worked here for years, who had developed the most valuable knowledge and ex-



HON. EUGENE F. WARE.  
(A Firm Exponent of Civil Service That Assures Reform.)

perience here—many of them old soldiers—and I made up my mind that if anyone was made an \$1,800 clerk it should be the man who had proved his ability and his steadiness right here under fire, so to speak. I'll appoint outsiders as places for them may be created, but they will have to go in at the bottom of the ladder."

"That was my first principle—that no outsider should be jumped over the heads of efficient clerks already in the office. My second principle was this: That men in the office should be promoted, not jumped half a dozen grades at once, and should be promoted entirely on merit. Those two dictums," so to speak, are the basis of this new system of promotions."

"I meet my chiefs of divisions, assistant chiefs, chief clerk and deputy commissioners every week. We have a little congress here with about 40 members. This system was evolved little by little by that congress. I explained my purpose as to promotions. I told them all that merit, tried and proved, was to be the only consideration. Then, when the first vacancy arose, I appointed a special committee of three chiefs of division to serve as a select committee on promotions in that one instance."

"Those gentlemen acted exactly according to my instructions. They sent me a list of men from whom I could choose. Every man on that list was of the highest possible grade. A good many were democrats. The democrats feel that when head-lapping is to be done his head will be the first to go. So he has two incentives to become one of the best clerks in the office."

"I made the promotions with this help from the selection committee of division chiefs. Then when I gave each man his commission I gave him a letter along this line:

"This is to say that you do not owe your promotion to political influence or to the commissioner or to your friends. You were promoted solely on account of merit, and I hope that while you remain in the bureau you will continue the course which gave you this promotion."

**Family of Heavyweights.**  
Three remarkable children are possessed by Mr. and Mrs. Louis Egert of Newark, N. J. Harry, aged four and one-half years, weighs 185 pounds; Esther, aged two and a half years, tips the scale at 120 pounds, and Minnie, a baby of ten months, weighs 85 pounds.

## DAVIS MEMORIAL ARCH.

to Be Erected in Richmond, Va., in Honor of the President of the Late Confederacy.

The arch to be erected in Monroe Park, Richmond, Va., to the memory of Jefferson Davis was designed by Louis A. Gudebrod, of New York.

The completed arch will have a height of 65 feet, a width of 70 feet and a breadth of 24 feet. The archway is to be 25 feet wide and 40 feet high in the clear. The entire arch is to be constructed of finest southern granite, and to have an interior stairway leading to the top. The sculptor has adopted the Corinthian style of architecture as being most in harmony with the prevailing style in the south, as well as especially adapted to express the purposes of the arch.

The intended ornamentation has been only generally expressed in the



DAVIS MEMORIAL ARCH.  
(To Be Erected at Richmond, Va., by Daughters of Confederacy.)

model submitted, the smaller details of ornamental work being too difficult to execute in so small a model. The ornamentation involved in the various inscriptions in raised letters are absent; these in themselves will serve as to further embellish the arch.

Two bronze figures are to be placed on either end of the arch, and will be symbolic of Fame and the "Lost Cause," and are to be more than twice life size.

The sculptor has endeavored to express in his work the life of Jefferson Davis, as well as to perpetuate the ideals and principles which he represented. To this end the two bronze statues represent Fame and the "Lost Cause."

In the spandrels, two on each side of the arch, will be placed four bas-reliefs, representing Glory, Truth, Justice and Valor. These further illustrate Mr. Davis' life as connected with his people. The figure Glory represents the glory won by Jefferson Davis and the people of the confederate states during the most trying period of their history. The figure Truth represents their united devotion to the cause which they championed. Justice represents the unswerving belief in the righteousness of their cause and the justice of the struggle. Valor represents the many deeds of heroism of Jefferson Davis and his people both in their homes and in the field. The 13 seals in the attic represent the confederate states the central one being the seal of Virginia while upon the five low relief panels in the attic and upon the two panels flanking the archway will be inscribed such tributes to Jefferson Davis as may be chosen by the committee.

## FAMOUS CHURCHMAN.

Bishop John Lancaster Spalding, of Peoria, Who May Be Created Archbishop of Chicago.

Rt. Rev. John Lancaster Spalding, who is the senior suffragan bishop in the archiepiscopal see of Chicago, and is being favorably talked of to succeed Archbishop Feehan, has been for 25 years bishop of Peoria. He was born in Lebanon, Ky., in 1840, and as a boy was a favorite of his



BISHOP J. L. SPALDING.  
(May Be Created Head of the Archdiocese of Chicago.)

uncle, Martin J. Spalding, then bishop of Louisville and afterward archbishop of Baltimore. The present bishop of Peoria studied in Rome as well as in America. His first charge as a priest was at the cathedral in Louisville, whence he went to New York city. On May 1, 1877, he was appointed bishop of Peoria, then a widely scattered diocese, but now, through his labors, comparatively compact and much more important. Bishop Spalding's writings have made him known all over the world as a scholar and a literary man; he is especially interested in education, and has written much on the subject. He lays special stress on cultivation of the moral and emotional qualities, believing that prevailing education is too exclusively intellectual.

**Paper That Is Transparent.**  
Paper possessing the transparency of glass is made in Paris, from kelp and other seaweeds.





The affair is carried out in royal style in which the distinguished and popular host and hostess are so famous. Mr. Stewart never does things in halves. This wedding was one of the most brilliant that has ever been in this city.

#### NEGRO NETTLES JUDGE.

Old Darky Gave Good Advice to His Honor, But Had to Pay \$10 for Giving It.

An amusing scene which was enacted in a downtown courtroom the other day furnished the spectators much fun while it lasted, says the Chicago Record-Herald. The magistrate, a big pompous official with a voice like a trombone, took it upon himself to examine a witness, a small, withered old colored man, whose ebony-hued countenance was full of confidence as he faced his inquisitor.

"What is your name?" asked the justice.

"Why judge," said the astonished



#### "YOU'D BETTER GIT OUT"

witness, "you knows my name as well as I knows your'n."

"Never you mind what I know or what I don't know," was the caution given with magisterial severity. "I asked the question in my official capacity and you're bound to answer it under oath."

With a half-contemptuous snort the witness gave his name.

"Where do you live?"

"Now, judge!" protested the old man. "Why," he continued, appealing to the laughing attorneys, "I been knowin' judge all muh life and he's been knowin' me, an' bless Gawd, tuh heah him call on you'd think—"

"Silence!" thundered the irate magistrate. "Answer my questions or I'll fine you for contempt of court."

Alarmed by the threat the witness named his place of residence and the examination went on.

"What is your occupation?"

"Suh?"

"What do you do for a living?"

"Oh, git out, judge! Jus' laik you ain't nevaah hied me tuh ten' youah gahden in de summah an saw youah wood in de winter!"

"As a private citizen I am perfectly aware of the fact, but as the court I know nothing about you," exclaimed the perspiring justice.

"Well, judge," remarked the perturbed witness, "if you knows somethin' cuten de cotroom an doan know nothin' in it, you'd better git out an' let some un try dis case whut's got hoss sense."

The advice may have been well meant, but it cost the witness ten dollars.

#### MY LADY'S BONNETS.

The drooping ends of black velvet at the back of the hat are going out on chapeaux of the best kind.

The latest novelty is an open summer straw called pompadour; in itself it is a dull straw, but the delicate shades are beautified by the dressing.

Large white felt hats for women have broad bands of ribbon velvet drawn into folds around the crown, with one long loop and an end of the same length hanging at the back.

An odd hat, which turns up like a wide-rimmed turban at front and sides, has the rim made solidly of big black jet beads, a finishing row at the top being still larger, each bead as large as the head of an ordinary hatpin. The crown of the hat is formed of innumerable folds of white chiffon sloping down to the hair, and underneath the rim is a black velvet bow.

#### Spiced Cherries.

Tie an ounce of stick cinnamon and an ounce of whole cloves in a muslin bag and boil it in a pint and a half of vinegar for 15 minutes. Add four pounds of granulated sugar and boil ten minutes longer; skim well. Put in seven pounds of pitted cherries and cook gently for one and one-half hours. Then skim out and put in heated jars. Boil the syrup down until the consistency of honey and fill up the jars and seal.—Washington Star.

#### Subject for Dime Museum.

Edward Wilkins, of Havant, England, has been bald from birth. Now, at the age of 92, a plentiful crop of dark-red hair covers his head, all grown in less than three months.

#### RATTLER IS POLITE.

Always Issues a Challenge Before He Makes Attack.

Never Goes Out of the Way for a Fight, But Fights Desperately When in Danger—A Boy's Thrilling Experience.

The rattlesnake, probably the most deadly American snake, is really a gentleman, as snakes go. He never eats his own friends, as most other snakes do, and he always plays fair and gives warning before he strikes. In the early pioneer days, west of the Rockies, rattlers, were frequently eaten by hard-pressed travelers, and their flesh is said to be as good as chicken. Great skill must be exercised in catching this snake, if he is to be eaten, as he has a trick of biting himself when cornered, and so committing suicide, and, in this case, his flesh is as deadly as his bite.

The maligned pig, who is known by those who properly understand him to be a really brave and intelligent little beast, regards rattlesnakes as the greatest luxury, and attacks and kills them with absolute fearlessness. On a California ranch a certain field was so overrun with rattlers that it was practically useless. It was fenced in, and a pair of young pigs turned into it. The pigs grew fat and sleek, and in a short time they had gobbled up every last rattler. Piggiwig has been known to attack the largest and most deadly snakes, and come off victor in the fight.

Appropos of the well-known fact that a rattler will bite himself and commit suicide rather than fall into the hands of his enemies, the tale is told by hundreds in the far west that a little bird, a native of the Rockies, is extremely interested in the extermination of the rattler.

So far as is known, this bird does not feed upon the snake, but is actuated solely by motives of benevolence in ridding the world of these dangerous reptiles. Seeing a rattler asleep



COILED AROUND LAD'S ARM.

or sunning himself on a stone, this thoughtful and energetic little body flies off and returns with bits of very prickly cactus, which the bird places in a little circle around him. When the circle is quite complete, the enterprising bird, eager to see the results of its toll, swoops down and runs his bill into the sleeping snake, which starts to move away, only to encounter the cactus, over which he cannot crawl. He turns about and strikes the cactus again. Finding himself unable to escape, he bites himself and dies by his own deadly weapon. A rattlesnake never goes out of his way for a fight, but when he is attacked he fights desperately. A lad, says the St. Louis Globe-Democrat, who was trout fishing in a country where rattlers abound, slipped and fell.

In falling, he saw, to his horror, that he was going down on the cold body of a large snake. He heard the rattle, which is the snake's war cry.

He had the presence of mind in falling to grab the snake close to the head, and hold on like grim death. Like a flash the snake's body coiled around his arm and tightened in an effort to make him relax his hold. It moved its body so vigorously that in spite of holding with both hands, he feared it would escape. Fortunately, his companions came to his assistance and cut the snake from his arm before he was quite exhausted with the struggle.

**German Sugar Production.**  
Last year the Germans produced 1,500,000 tons of raw sugar, representing 13 per cent. of the beet root crushed, which was an increase since 1840 of 8,000 tons of product as 5 1/2 per cent. of the material used. The dyeing industry earned \$30,000,000 last year, against \$6,000,000 in 1874, notwithstanding diminished prices and increased wages. Artificial indigo now employs over 3,000 men, including 148 scientific chemists, although started only about 35 years ago with less than 14 men. In 1898 Germany employed 14,000 persons in making scientific instruments, the exports being three times those of 1888. These are examples of the results of scientific training in the land of its greatest development.

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#### Syrian Asphalt.

Asphalt is found in the provinces of Syria on the banks of the Dead sea, floating on the surface of its waters. Through the action of earthquakes the asphalt has been torn from the bottom of the sea and driven toward the shores, especially to the east. The narratives of the Greek and Roman historians to the effect that asphalt as small islands was upheld by the salt water and driven over the surface of the sea are without doubt true. The asphalt, and generally the oriental or Egyptian, is pure and expensive, and used principally in the manufacture of a certain kind of varnish, but for general purposes, owing to its brittleness as well, is useless in the asphalt industry.—American Asphalt Journal.

#### Creatures That Never Drink.

There is a parakeet at the zoological gardens in London that has lived for over half a century without drinking anything. Many naturalists have a theory that hares never drink, or at all events that water is not a necessity to their existence; the dew on the grass is supposed to be sufficient liquid for their wants. There is a certain breed of gazelle that never drinks and the lamas of Patagonia live for years without taking water. In France there is a particular class of cattle near Losere that rarely touches water. This is all the more remarkable because these cattle give milk of a rich quality from which excellent cheese is made.—Nature.

#### Accidents Will Happen.

Landlady—Yes, sir; two chickens went into that soup.

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#### DICTIONARY OF STAGE WORDS.

[Miss Miriam Michelson, the dramatic editor of a Philadelphia newspaper, is at work upon a dictionary of stage words, for which, she says, there exists a long felt want. As an earnest of her intention of making the work an epochmaker, she publishes extracts from the portions already completed, and these show that she is deserving of the support and encouragement of scholars and students of dramatic art all over the world. Here, for instance, are a few of her definitions:]

Curtain—A piece of stage property affected by St. Vitus dance, and connected by wireless telepathy, with the finger tips of the claque.

Curtain Call—A form of physical culture to which actresses are addicted.

Exit—A bluff.

Duet—A solo sung sentimentally by the baritone to the soprano, or vice versa.

Encore—A means by which ushers earn their salaries.

Chorus—A smile, embodied and indestructible.

Prima Donna—Obsolete.

Comedian—A term applied to unrelated and ill-matched articles of clothing; preferably when worn by a clown.

Coon Song—An uncouth dance.

#### A Trouble with Old Friends.

"It is too bad," said the visitor from home; "but people who acquire wealth are not the same to their old friends."

"Perhaps there is a reason for that," replied Mrs. Cumrox, reminiscently.

"People who acquire wealth have feelings the same as any one else, and their old friends sometimes have a very superior way of saying, 'Humph! I knew them when they were as poor as Job's turkey!'"—Washington Star.

#### Left in the Dark.

A little girl about three years old was out playing when suddenly it became very cloudy. She ran into the house and startled her mamma by saying:

"I'm not going to stay outdoors any more."

"Why?" asked her mother.

"Because God-blown the sun out."

—Little Chronicle.

How the United States is spreading out! "When the Kona Kau railroad is fully completed," says a Hawaii correspondent, "one will be able to leave Honolulu at six o'clock in the evening, sleep all night and wake up at six in the morning ready to land at Kaalawala." But will the passenger be able to tell phonetically where he is at?—Chicago Tribune.



## STOMACH HALF GONE

Wisconsin Man Recovers from a Severe Operation.

It Was Performed to Rid Him of a Cancer in His Digestive Organs—But Few Cases Like It on Record.

Though nearly one-half of his stomach was cut away two months ago, Charles Stryzewski, of Oshkosh, Wis., is getting more healthy and stronger every day, and the process of digestion appears to be performed much more completely and beneficially than by a very large proportion of persons who are blessed—or, as some dyspeptics might put it, cursed—with a whole stomach.

Ten years ago Stryzewski was a robust man, apparently in perfect health. He was employed in one of the local factories, and so steadily did he labor that he was enabled to accumulate enough money to purchase a home for his wife and two sons, and also to lay up a sum for a rainy day.

About five years ago he began to have trouble with his stomach, and his health began to fail. It was supposed that he had catarrh of the stomach, and he was dosed and treated for that ailment. But all proved unavailing. He became emaciated, and was unable to perform his daily labor.

His ailment was finally diagnosed as cancer of the stomach, and he was informed that his case was hopeless.

But Stryzewski is far from a coward. He determined that rather than perish of starvation, he would die of the wound of a surgeon's knife. Although informed that there was almost no chance of recovery, he went to the hospital and prepared himself for the ordeal.

On the morning before the operation was performed he was given absolutely no nourishment. Borne to the operating room, the stomach was further cleansed by the application of



HE BECAME EMACIATED.

a stomach pump. This, Stryzewski says, hurt him good deal.

Then the anesthetic was administered and he was oblivious of his surroundings until the middle of the afternoon, though he entered the operating-room at half past ten a. m. The operation itself, however, took only a little more than two hours.

The diseased portion of the stomach was severed from the unaffected part, and the membranous walls were then sewed together. It required about 100 stitches to sew the walls of the stomach. The other organs were rearranged and the hole closed in the wall of the abdomen.

Then followed the weary and almost hopeless struggle for life. The patient rallied from the shock of the double wound, but on account of the enforced idleness of the ordinary digestive organs, his life hung by a thread.

For three weeks not a morsel of food, liquid or solid, entered the mouth or stomach. The patient was kept alive by injections of liquid nourishment and stimulants.

The wound caused thirst, but he was absolutely refused water, as a drink of water, the physicians said, would be almost instantly fatal. His thirst almost crazed him, but he kept before him all the time that if he struggled on and bore the suffering, he might live, and life was so dear to him, and the thought of leaving his wife and boys without a protector so bitter, that he gritted his teeth and grimly fought on.

At the end of three weeks he was allowed the first nourishment—a little milk. Gradually he was placed on a milk diet, and the crucial period having been passed with the assimilation of the lactical fluid, he ate soups.

Now he is permitted to eat practically everything that goes to make up the bill of fare in households.

Pastry, of course, he avoids. He is getting stronger all the time, walks about and sits in the sun and reads. At present he weighs more than he did before the operation, and has the appearance simply of a man who is recovering from an illness, with no suggestion of death or decline. He expects that he will be able to resume his daily employment in a month.

The operating surgeons say that the portion of the stomach affected by the cancer and removed was at least one-third of the whole organ. The operation is believed to be the first of the kind in Wisconsin.

**Poor Pay for Teachers.**  
Teachers of private schools in China are very poorly remunerated. They get about one cent a day for each pupil.

## COURTS LADY VILLIERS.

son of William Waldorf Astor Wants to Marry Noted British Society Favorite.

Lady Edith Villiers, one of the bright and shining stars of English society, has, it is said, received a proposal of marriage from Waldorf Astor, the son of William Waldorf Astor, who renounced his American citizenship and became a British subject. Lady Villiers is said to be hesitating between young Astor and a peer.

Lady Villiers, daughter of the earl of Clarendon, was born February 20, 1877. Her father, who is lord chamberlain of England, was born in 1846. He married, in 1876, Caroline, eldest daughter of the third earl of Normanton. Lord Clarendon was a peer.

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WALDORF ASTOR.

(Young American Who Seeks an English Bride of Noble Birth.)

aid-de-camp to the queen in 1897. He has been lord lieutenant of Hertfordshire since 1892, and is honorary colonel and lieutenant colonel of the Hertfordshire yeomanry cavalry. In 1868 he contested the seat for the south division of Warwickshire, and sat in the house of commons as member for Brecon in 1869-70. His daughter, while not beautiful, is extremely bright and witty, and is much sought after.

Waldorf Astor is 24 years of age, and, unlike his father, is an American citizen. He has lived in England since his boyhood, and, both socially and politically, is English in his ways. He is a good oarsman, a fine horseman and is fond of hunting. He was born in New York, but knows little or nothing about his native country. He was a college friend of the son of Lord Rosebery.

Upon the death of his father young Waldorf Astor will inherit the greater part of an estate valued at \$200,000,000.

## THE PEOPLE OF ACRE.

Little Known Region of South America in Dispute Between Bolivia and Brazil.

The region of Acre, in northern Bolivia, has been disputed territory between that country and Brazil for nearly 50 years. The little country has come into public notice recently because Bolivia leased a part of the Acre region to an Anglo-American syndicate. Brazil objects to this business arrangement, and has threatened to break off diplomatic relations unless the contract is rescinded.

Except that the country is rich in rubber, little is known about it. It occupies a triangular space between the boundaries of Brazil and Bolivia, and Peru and Bolivia, with the Beni river as the base. The position of the sides of this triangle a.



NATIVE CHIEF OF ACRE.

(Wears No Clothes, But Has a Most Elaborate Headdress.)

interpreted by the two countries is the cause of the dispute. A traveler recently returned from Acre says, in the New York Tribune, of the natives that they are in many respects like the Bolivians, but that there are among them tribes of a lower class than can be found elsewhere in that part of the world. Some of them are said to be cannibals, and all are shy and averse to the invasion of their country by the whites. They are experts in the art of using darts, spears and javelins, and delight in practicing with these from the bush on intruders, whom they usually attack from behind.

They wear no clothes, but have elaborate headdresses made of feathers and beads, and the younger ones wear strings of coins and metal disks around their necks and wrists. There are no horses or mules in Acre, and the llama is used as the beast of burden.

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## Treasures of the Aztecs.

Explorers in the neighborhood of Chama, Guatemala, have discovered treasures during their excavations in search of mines. Coins and jewels, decorating corpses buried centuries ago by the Aztecs and Montezumas, have been found. So far the valuables have amounted to over \$50,000. Workmen on the Chama plantations are wild, and have abandoned their usual work to hunt for buried treasures.

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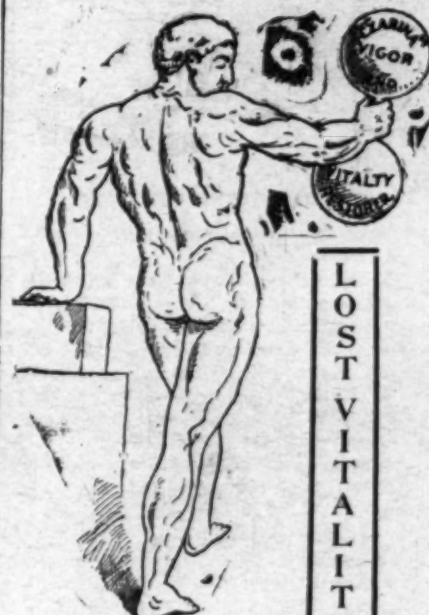
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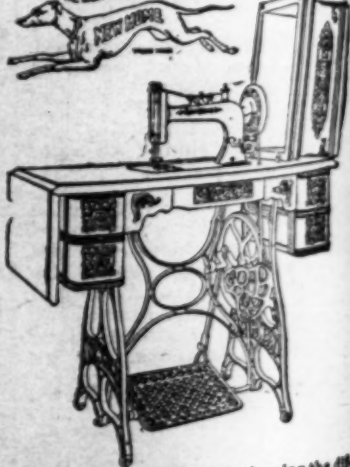
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## Pointer for You

I shall in this column endeavor to answer all correspondence that may be sent and I earnestly request young ladies to read this column, and any questions that they wished answered please send them in before Saturday of each week.

By Miss MAY CLEMATIS.

G. M. Why should some people imagine that their beauty is all that is needed? Beauty is only skin deep and will soon fade.

Nesse. Be wise as well as discreet. Wisdom will soon develop itself as well as discretion.

R. I. T. It is the industrious girl that is not afraid of work. The only girl that will not work is the lazy one. Honest girls will work always.

D. I. You were informed last week of what was best to read during summer months. Good literature will improve your mind.

Disse. It is the woman with a stable mind that has admiration and respect.

N. T. True nobility in a woman is often taken for false pride.

S. T. Think well and act wisely and you will never go astray.

R. D. You may not act always to please some people but honesty is bound to win admiration.

Joe. It is not wise to talk too freely to any one. You should be discreet in all things.

J. T. Be satisfied with what you have, you may lose all some day. Friends can stand some things some times, but not everything all the time. Some people never see their mistake until it is too late.

Isabella. Never impose upon your friends because you will lose in the end. True friends will not impose upon each other.

Don't talk about your companions because others do.

Never show anxiety for an escort.

Don't go where you are not wanted, neither should you associate with your inferiors.

Think well and act accordingly.

Be true to your friends and never deceive any one.

Fresh girls are soon divorced.

Why should you displease your neighbor.

It is the noble girl who will not deceive.

Mable. True friendship is stronger than false love.

E. You should never put your momentary friends ahead of your true and devoted friends.

H. Be careful and watch those who pretend friendship.

Olie. We kiss those whom we love and shake hands with our friends.

Sella. Don't allow sudden elevation change your disposition, neither should you allow false smiles influence you in the least.

Norah. It is the true hearted girl who speaks well of you and hides your faults.

False friends will flatter you and extend to you false wishes.

Nellie. Don't imagine that you are pretty because others tell you so.

Ida. Red hose denotes vulgarity and no lady of refined taste will wear them.

Ida. Flashy dressing will be seen on flashy girls. Dress with taste and in goods that are becoming.

D. M. There are birds that fly high and there is a time that they must come to the ground for succor.

O. T. Company is good sometimes but after it is all over count your losses and profits.

Delia. Don't go in anything unless you are benefited.

N. T. If your condition is to be benefited you had better marry. Don't marry for the name, the results are bad.

J. M. Divorces are numerous and marriages are frequent.

Nellie. Your friend, if what you say is true, can be trusted.

M. R. Your mother is your best friend and you should never desert her.

Nellie. Be truthful always and never be persuaded, by false friends.

L. T. It is always best to do what you think is best and never allow yourself to be influenced by others.

E. D. If you have an opinion your own be sure to exercise it. n of best that you think f. r yourself.

Emma. Read good books while you are on your vacation.

Age Makes Brittle Bones.

The bones of aged people have more lime in them than those of the young, and therefore are more brittle. This is the reason why a fall is more hurtful to an elderly person than to a young person.

Better Than Insecticides.

Electric lights, with basins of potassium below them, are now used in France to destroy night-flying insects that injure vineyards. In one vineyard 4,568 insects were recently caught in one night.

## WELL SALTED IN VAIN.

Story of the Failure of an Illinois Man's Scheme to Sell His Farms as Oil Land.

"Some years ago," says a New Orleans Times-Democrat contributor, "an oil boom hit Litchfield, Ill., and everybody for miles around was seen sniffing for oil and every stranger suspected of being an expert looking for a good thing. An old farmer named Loomis had a big place three miles out of town which would have been a fortune for him had he not been possessed of a mania for swapping, manifest in a perennial attempt to trade off his land for twice its value."

"When the boom was at the top Loomis received a visitor who



DIDN'T LIKE THE WATER.

took so much interest in the farm, so liked its appearance, location, etc., that the old farmer scented a petroleum man and saw visions of incalculable wealth. Being a shrewd man, Loomis did not care to take any unnecessary chances with Providence, and on the quiet he sent the hired man out the back way with orders to dump the kerosene can into the well. The visitor liked the entire place, inspected the barn, the chicken yard and then, as if by chance, asked for a drink of water.

"Loomis was waiting for that and hauled up a brimming bucket before the man's own eyes and poured him out a gourdful of liquid with a fine, opalescent scum upon it. The visitor smelled it, tasted it, made a wry face and asked if the water was always like that. 'Oh, yes,' said Loomis, 'but you soon get accustomed to the taste, and our doctors say this is the finest water on earth for the stomach.' 'Well, I am ding-danged if I'll ever get used to it,' was the unexpected response. 'I am looking for a farm, not an oil well, and if I have got to haul my drinking water three miles from Litchfield I guess I'd rather buy nearer town.' 'It took Loomis six months to get the taste of oil out of his well, and by that time the boom was over, and nothing was left of the oil craze but rotting derricks and abandoned shafts.'"

## HAD NARROW ESCAPE.

Deadly Moccasin Lodged in Southern Woman's Bosom and Resisted Its Removal.

The Yazoo City Herald is authority for the statement that Mrs. Clay Arnold had a narrow escape from being bitten by a deadly moccasin the other



CRAWLED INTO HER DRESS.

day. She and her husband were in the pasture on their farm in the Redmondville neighborhood. A short distance from them was a wire fence, and they proposed to each other to run a race and see which could cross the fence first.

When they reached the fence Mrs. Arnold attempted to crawl under it. Just as she was in the act of getting down on the ground a moccasin crawled into her dress at her throat. She saw the snake when it entered her dress, and instantly she grabbed it in the folds of her garments and screamed. Her husband ran to her and attempted to pull the snake out by its tail. Mrs. Arnold held it so firmly that Mr. Arnold pulled it in two.

"In getting the upper portion of the reptile's body from his wife's dress, one of the snake's fangs stuck into one of Mr. Arnold's thumbs, but fortunately there was no poison on it, and Mr. Arnold felt no bad effects from it. They were both terribly frightened, and well they might be, for it was a narrow escape from a deadly bite."

## Trains Must Be on Time.

In France when a railroad train is more than ten minutes late the company is fined.

## GIVER OF MILLIONS.

So Modest That His Fame Has Never Gone Abroad.

William Deering's Beneficence Has Been Extensive and Soon He May Give Another Million to Northwestern University.

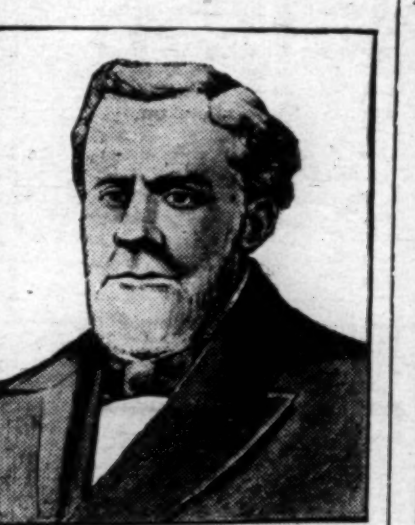
Reports that William Deering, the well-known harvester manufacturer of Chicago, has in contemplation a gift of \$1,000,000 to Northwestern university, bring to light the fact that while this philanthropist has continuously for 20 years given thousands of dollars to educational institutions, churches and charities his beneficence practically has been kept a secret.

While he can hardly be placed beside Rockefeller in the total sums he has given, it is known that he has given away fortunes. Small, struggling colleges or churches, particularly of the Methodist denomination, for Mr. Deering always has been a warm supporter of the Methodist church and its institutions, have been helped by him when confronted with debts or mortgages without the fact being flashed over the wire and becoming public through the newspapers.

Some time ago Mr. Deering heard that his native town in Maine would like to have a library. He immediately wrote out a check sufficient to purchase one and maintain it without putting any obligations on the city.

Garrett Biblical institute, affiliated with Northwestern university, has been the recipient at various times of Mr. Deering's generosity. He has been president of the board of trustees of the institute and also held the same position on the university board. At one time he gave \$5,000 to a seminary at Omarga, Ill. He endowed and built Fisk hall, which is occupied by the preparatory school at the university and built Willard hall, the girls' dormitory at Evanston, where the university is located.

He has regularly given from \$2,000 to \$5,000 to the city missionary and



WILLIAM DEERING.  
(Chicago Philanthropist Who Does Much Good by Stealth.)

church extension societies in Chicago to support evangelistic work. He has given \$150,000 to Wesley hospital, in Chicago, to erect a new building and make it a first-class medical institution. The hospital also is a Methodist institution. Northwestern university has received many times valuable land from Mr. Deering, which netted handsome returns. The sums of money to Northwestern university range from \$20,000 to \$100,000, all given since the institution was founded. There are many other gifts that would make a long list.

Mr. Deering is the oldest and wealthiest friend of the university and the announcement that there will be a donation of \$1,000,000 for endowment does not cause much surprise. According to information the gift is to be presented as soon as President James, who recently left the University of Chicago to assume management at Evanston, is found to meet Mr. Deering's approval, after reasonable time, from the viewpoint of the institution's welfare. The period of probation will not be long, as the manner in which President James grasped the situation as he found it has gone far to convince friends of the university that its future is safe with him.

Negotiations under way for the affiliation of Hedding college at Abington, Ill., with the Northwestern, are taken as an indication of the policy of expansion the institution is to pursue under the presidency of Dr. James.

For some time Mr. Deering has been in poor health. Recently he transferred to his sons his interest in the immense harvesting machine plant, and the real estate on which it stands, with the expressed intention of withdrawing from active business cares.

## Marriage in Hindostan.

In Hindostan the arrangements for a wedding are made by the parents of the bride and bridegroom, who, when the alliance is agreed upon very likely behold one another for the first time. Then there is no appearance of reluctance about the bride, who playfully skips toward her future husband and seats herself beside him. The priest's part is to tie a corner of the bride's veil to the bridegroom's shawl.

## A Dime Well Invested.

It was an Odessa, Pa., youth, according to one of the Lafayette county papers, upon whom this advertisement made a deep impression: "Young man—Some woman dearly loves you. Would you know who she is? She would like to be your only sweetheart. Send ten cents in stamps to Occult Diviner, address as above, and learn her name." He sent the stamps and got his answer. What was it? "Mother."

## A GREAT MONUMENT.

The Hieroglyphic Stairway Found at Copan, Honduras.

Finest Specimen of Aboriginal American Architecture in Existence—Its Beauty is a Puzzle to Archaeologists.

The remarkable hieroglyphic stairway at Copan, in Honduras, not far from the boundary of Guatemala, is in many ways the most important and interesting monument of aboriginal American architecture that has ever been brought to light by the excavations of the archaeologist. Ten years ago it was practically unknown, but since then it has been uncovered and studied as a whole by the various Copan expeditions of the Peabody Museum of American Archaeology and Ethnology at Harvard, under the direction of George B. Gordon, whose elaborate report on the discovery and restoration of the stairway—just issued to subscribers by the museum authorities—affords much incidental information concerning a memorable prehistoric civilization that may prove to be older than even the Assyrian or the Egyptian—that of the ancient Maya people which once dwelt in the plains and valleys of Central America.

How many hundreds—or thousands—of years old the hieroglyphic stairway really is, even the archaeologist hardly ventures to guess. It is a principal feature of the ruined acropolis of what is known to be one of the most ancient cities on the American continent, the annals of which, however, were no more than a shadowy legend even when the Spaniards came to Mexico; and in spite of the fact that the steps of the stairway carry, carved in a series of picture characters or hieroglyphics, what is apparently some kind of a continuous chronological record, these "glyphs" are still, for the most part, quite undecipherable, and the record which they contain is as yet little more than an archaeological puzzle—though to solve it might



ABORIGINAL SCULPTURE.  
(Rare Work of Art Discovered at Copan, in Central America.)

well mean the opening up of a chapter of history as romantic as it is mysterious.

At one end of the main structure of Copan, as the acropolis of the city is called, a broad pyramid, which at one time was crowned by some public building—a temple or palace—rises to a height of about 85 feet. On the western slope of this pyramid is the hieroglyphic stairway, originally affording access from a square or plaza below to the temple above and a system of terraced courts beyond. At some time in the past, however, a landslide swept away the symmetry of two large faces of the pyramid and brought down the upper steps of the great staircase in an almost indistinguishable mass of debris which completely buried the lower stairs, so that when Mr. Gordon first visited Copan the whole plan of the stairway was entirely obliterated, and the pyramid itself was little more than an overgrown mound of earth and broken stones.

Four entire seasons were required to bring something like order out of this chaos. From 50 to 100 laborers were at one time constantly employed, and the fragments which were removed covered an acre of ground. Every important fragment was carefully molded, and the molds shipped to Cambridge in order that some day a restoration of the whole staircase may be made and set up in the Peabody museum. Only 15 of the 40 or 50 upper steps which went down in the landslide retained in any degree their identity or their relative positions, however.

## Hedgehog Kills a Viper.

A resident at Versailles, M. Guignet, sends to Nature a vivid account of a duel he saw between a hedgehog and a viper. The two enemies knew very well at first sight who was who, and eyed each other as if they knew a moment's inattention would be fatal. The viper was the first to get tired of gazing and it began to glide away. Just then the hedgehog rushed for the viper's tail, and having nailed it fast with his teeth, it rolled itself up. The hedgehog was very careful, however, not to cut the tail off. The viper curled back, and delivered furious assaults on its aggressor, wrestling and rolling with the curled-up hedgehog all over the place. At length the snake, wounded in a hundred places, died. The hedgehog began its repast on the tail of its victim, and was careful not to eat the head.

## Attentive Bible Reader.

From early youth Ambrose S. Ottey, of Cecil county, Md., has been an attentive reader of the Bible. He has read it from beginning to end 117 times, and informs us that it contains 1,189 chapters, 31,198 verses, 773,697 words, and 3,566,480 letters.

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## WOMAN FIGHTS SNAKE.

Kills Reptile in Cellar After an Exciting Experience Lasting Nearly a Whole Hour.

A woman fought with a snake in a dark cellar for nearly an hour in Philadelphia. The contest ended with the death of the reptile.

Mrs. George H. Smith, who lives at Jackson and Bridge streets, Frankfort, went into the cellar of her home to get some coal. She was just about to go upstairs when she heard a hissing sound, and, turning in the direction of the noise, saw two eyes gleam-



DEFENDED HERSELF NOBLY.

ing in a dark corner. The next instant a snake made for her.

Seizing a broom handle which lay by the stairs, the woman defended herself from the attack of the snake. At the same time she tried to strike the reptile with her club, but the snake was too quick for her.

Finally, after a struggle of nearly an hour, she drove the reptile into a corner and killed it with the club.

The reptile proved to be a water snake about three feet in length. How it got into the cellar is not known.

## Never Heard Lord's Prayer.

If Hetty Williams, of Fort Scott, Kan., could have repeated the Lord's prayer she might have had one year less to serve in prison—but she couldn't. She confessed she never had even heard the prayer. She is a dashing and rather pretty young woman of the frontier who has been convicted of horse stealing. The evidence showed she was a professional. The court, moved by her youth, after having sentenced her to five years in the penitentiary, offered to reduce the term of four years if she would repeat the Lord's prayer as an indication that there was good ground in her heart in which to start a crop of reform. Hetty owned up frankly she didn't know a word of it. She will serve five years.

## The Children of Drunkards.

A noted physician of Paris asserts that it is impossible for an habitual drunkard to have sound children.

## Cost of Coronation Seats.

In connection with the news from London that the price of good windows commanding the coronation procession of Edward VII has gone up to something like \$365, it may be noted that at the coronation of Edward I. the price of a seat was half a farthing; in Edward II's time a whole farthing was required; to see Edward III. cost a halfpenny. A good seat for Edward IV's procession cost two pence, and for Edward VI. the price was four pence. There is a big jump between VI. and VII.

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"When our ears do glow and tingle some do talk of us in our absence," said Pliny, and though over 1,900 years have elapsed since his day the same superstition still holds good. Shakespeare refers to it in "Much Ado About Nothing" when he makes Beatrice say to Ursula and Hero, who had been speaking of her: "What fire is in mine ears?" The burning of the ears is supposed to be due to the agency of guardian angels, who touch the left ear if the talk be favorable, and the right if it be otherwise, in order that their charges may be encouraged or warned, as the case may be.

## Batrachian.

"You say," said the city editor, pointing out the word in the manuscript, "she sung with a 'warty' voice. What do you mean by that?"

"That ought to be plain enough for anybody," replied the sporting editor, who had been detailed, in the absence of the musical editor, to write up a concert. "She had a frog in her throat."—Chicago Tribune.

## Wants Women to Wear Hats.

In an address before the diocesan convention of the New Jersey Episcopal church, Bishop Scarborough called attention to the growing practice of women appearing hatless in public places. It had been extended to attendance at divine worship, which he thought, was not a consistent practice, and he hoped it would be discontinued.



## City Items.

Master Preston Middleton who has been sick for several months is improving slowly.

Special train for the delegates over the Southern road to the Young People's Christian Congress.

Stewart M. Lewis will leave the city shortly for Philadelphia and New Jersey on business, connected with the Bee.

"Major" Taylor the world's champion cyclist and wife were refused dining room accommodation at Jersey City last week.

Mr. Alphonzo Harris, of this city has gone to Baltimore to assist his brother Mr. James Harris, who is in the drug business.

Mrs. Julia Layton has been appointed in the Government Printing Office, after having passed a successful civil service examination.

Mr. R. W. Thompson, Managing Editor of the Colored American has been appointed a copyist in Recorder of Deeds Office by Recorder Dancy.

Lawyer P. W. Frisby has had placed in his office a large 2,000 pound double door combination safe. The Supreme Court during its June term appointed him administrator of a very valuable estate.

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